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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD OF IMPLEMENTING ACCOUNT CHARGING AND ACCOUNT CHARGING SYSTEM

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The MAILING DATE of this communication appear All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIP of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 1. This communication is responsive to 01/21/2009.	(OR REMAINS) CLOSED or other appropriate comm GHTS. This application is	in this application. If not included nunication will be mailed in due coul	rse. THIS
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The Applicants' amendment filed 01/21/2009, after the Final Rejection Office Action, was entered. As the results, dependent claims 2-5, 7-10 and 17 were cancelled. New dependent claims 19 and 20 were entered. Claims 1, 6, 11-16 and 18-20 are pending in the application at this point.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 2. Claims 1, 6, 11-16 and 18-20 are allowed.
- 3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The references, US Patent Number 6,011,837, Pub. No.: 2006/0168303 and 2002/0068545, each teaches a charging method which related to the concept of the claimed inventions in the claims. However, each of them, or in combination, fails to clearly teach the logical and sequent steps of method for realizing charging as recited in the amended independent claim 1. Also, the references fail to teach combination of elements and their interactive functions of a charging system, as recited in the amended independent claim 16.

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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